

September 1, 1941

Pearl Harbor, HI attacked, and USA enters a state of war with Japan and Germany

February 19, 1942

Executive Order 9066 authorized the Secretary of War to prescribe certain areas as military zones.

March 2, 1942

General John L DeWitt, commander of the Western Defense Area, creates Military Areas 1 and 2

March 27, 1942

General DeWitt orders all persons of Japanese descent living in Military Area 1 to remain there

May 3, 1942

General DeWitt orders all persons of Japanese descent living in Military Area 1 to report to assembly centers by May 9, pending re-location to internment camps. Fred Korematsu refuses and flees.

May 30, 1942

Fred Korematsu is arrested on a street corner in San Leandro, CA.

June 12, 1942

With ACLU on the case, he is given a trial date and a bail amount of \$5000.

June 18, 1942

Fred Korematsu posts bail, but is immediately arrested by military police.

September 8, 1942

Fred Korematsu is tried and convicted of violating Public Law 503 criminalizing violations of Executive Order 9066. He was given a 5 year probation. He and his family were sent to the Central Utah War Relocation Center.

March 27, 1943

Fred Korematsu appealed to US Superior Court.

January 7, 1944

Fred Korematsu's original conviction was upheld.

March 27, 1944

Supreme Court agrees to hear case.

December 18, 1944

Supreme Court votes 6-3 to also uphold the conviction. (933 days or > 2.5 years in custody for system to resolve itself through the legal system)

September 2, 1945

War ends and Fred Korematsu and family are released. (1191 days or > 3.25 years in custody until released)